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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-7. (Cancelled).

10. (Currently amended) A catamenial tampon for insertion in a human vagina comprising:  
(a) an inner core comprising an absorbent material;  
(b) an outer layer comprising a liquid-permeable material; and  
(c) ~~a delivery system according to claim 1~~ a transvaginal drug delivery system containing (i) a deposition having an effective amount of said drug and, optionally, a wetting agent; and (ii) a polymeric support on which said deposition is deposited, said polymeric support being in the form of a strip,

wherein said delivery system is positioned between said inner core and said outer layer.

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Previously presented) A catamenial tampon according to claim 10 further comprising a polymeric water-impermeable film between said delivery system and said inner core.

13. (Original) A tampon according to claim 10 wherein said delivery system comprises a plurality of strips of the polymeric support.

14. (Original) A tampon according to claim 13 comprising 3 strips.

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15. (Cancelled).

16. (Previously presented) A catamenial tampon according to claim 12 wherein said polymeric water-impermeable film comprises high-density polyethylene (HDPE).

17. (Currently amended) A method of transvaginal drug delivery comprising inserting a catamenial tampon into a vagina, wherein said catamenial tampon comprises:

- (a) an inner core comprising an absorbent material;
- (b) an outer layer comprising a liquid-permeable material; and
- (c) ~~a delivery system according to claim 1~~ a transvaginal drug delivery system containing (i) a deposition having an effective amount of said drug and, optionally, a wetting agent; and (ii) a polymeric support on which said deposition is deposited, wherein said polymeric support being in the form of a strip,  
wherein said delivery system is positioned between said inner core and said outer layer.

18. (Original) A method according to claim 17 wherein said drug is a NSAID.

19. (Original) A method according to claim 18 wherein said NSAID is naproxen or ibuprofen.